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To: Members of the Senate Public Safety & Security Committee

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Subject: H.B. No. 5800

Date: February 10, 2011

Position: **Oppose**

The National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action steadfastly opposes H.B. No. 5800, introduced by state Representatives Toni Walker (D-93), Gary Holder-Winfield (D-94), and state Senator Toni Nathaniel Harp (D-10), which would require the registration of all firearms in Connecticut.

The bill specifically seeks the registration for those who; A) who purchase a firearm to register within ten days of purchase, B) those who previously purchased a firearm to retroactively register their firearm, C) any person owning a firearm renew every five years and D) anyone whose firearm is sold, stolen or lost report such sale, theft or lose of a firearm within ten days of such an event.

If passed, H.B. 5800 would be among the most restrictive and wide sweeping registration or licensing laws in the nation and place an onerous and unnecessary burden upon the citizens of Connecticut.

Registering honest gun owners will not decrease or stop crime it will only make criminals out of the honest citizens who fail to register their firearms. The Department of Public Safety will be forced to create a huge database of honest citizens, use its limited resources to hire clerks and compile data while failing in the duty to protect and serve the people.

H.B. No. 5800 serves no policy rationale and is clearly a solution in search of a problem. The National Rifle Association respectfully requests that members of the Committee oppose H.B. No. 5800.